

**CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 14, 2007
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA**

The meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority was called to order on November 14, 2007 at 10:00am at the State Capitol, Room 112 in Sacramento, CA.

Members Present: Quentin Kopp, Chairman
Rod Diridon, Sr.
Fran Florez
Kirk Lindsey
David Crane

Opening Comments

Chairman Kopp welcomed Board Members to today's meeting.

Approval of Meeting Minutes for the following Authority Meetings:

Chairman Kopp presented the minutes from the September 24, 2007 meeting for approval. Member Lindsey moved to approve the meeting minutes Member Florez seconded, which carried 5-0.

Authority Members' Meetings for Compensation

Chairman Kopp presented the list of meetings for compensation for approval. Member Florez moved to approve the list of meetings for compensation, which carried 5-0.

Member Reports

Chairman Kopp reported on providing a presentation to different organizations over the past two months. Chairman Kopp pointed out that the more meetings he attended and polled on how many of the audience members had experienced a high speed rail train, the numbers increased. Chairman Kopp suggested it was a good response going into 2008.

Chairman Kopp reported Assemblywoman Fiona Ma's presence at the meeting. Chairman Kopp introduced her to the audience as HSR's "Assembly Champion".

Fiona Ma, Assemblywoman

Assemblywoman Ma stated she believed HSR to be extremely important and was glad to be one of the champions in the assembly to bring HSR to California given circumstances such as congested freeways, long airports lines and global warming. Assemblywoman Ma stated there is a lot of enthusiasm statewide for HSR and looks forward to making the project a reality.

Vice Chair Fran Florez reported on an extensive Outreach activity by our team and the responses have been very positive. Vice Chair Florez commented she felt not enough people knew about the project.

Member Rod Diridon reported the national effort was moving forward with meeting set for discussions with Chairman Oberstar and Intercity Rail Committee.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Morshed reported the day of the meeting was a historic day for the Eurostar in Europe. It was the first day of passenger service through St. Pancras station in London. Executive Director Morshed reported Bob Doty's presence in the audience and pointed out that Mr. Doty has worked on the Eurostar project for a number of years and was presently working for Caltrain in an effort to get the HSR into the Transbay Terminal in San Francisco.

Executive Director Morshed reported Kip Field has left PB. Executive Director Morshed reported Mr. Field had a long history with HSR and his departure was a big loss for the effort. Executive Director Morshed reported Mr. Field was now the Deputy Director for the City of Corona.

Executive Director Morshed reported a delegation from Japan was present to aid HSRA to analyze and review our program documents. Executive Director welcomed the delegation and thanked them for their service.

Executive Director Morshed reported meetings with Secretary Mary Nichols and Secretary Dale Bonner who both indicated their willingness to help support the project. Executive Director Morshed also reported meetings with Assemblywoman Fiona Ma, Senator Darrell Steinberg and Assemblymember Greg Agazarian who are all supporters and continue to help in the legislative arena.

Executive Director Morshed reported the Senate Transportation Committee has scheduled an oversight hearing on December 7, 2007 at 10:00 am in Los Angeles and December 17, 2007 at 10:00am in Oakland. Executive Director Morshed reported HSRA staff and some Board members would be attending the hearings.

Executive Director Morshed reported the schedule for 2008 board meetings would be the first Wednesday of each month.

Chairman Kopp suggested with the exception of January, meetings should be scheduled every month because it's easier to cancel a meeting than to schedule a new meeting that members haven't planned for. Chairman Kopp suggested the board adopt the schedule that allows all months to have a scheduled meeting on the first Wednesday of the month subject to cancellation.

Member Rod Diridon suggested August and December both be potential cancellation months because they are both vacation oriented months.

Executive Director Morshed reported receipt of funds from the Legislature. Executive Director Morshed reported bond money was assigned to Caltrans and CTC for approval of appropriations. Executive Director Morshed reported signing an agreement for the transferring of money. Executive Director Morshed reported even though money has been made available because of restrictions and other entities involved, it has taken some time.

Executive Director Morshed reported in December he and Tony Daniels would be flying to Washington, DC to meet with FRA to discuss trains operations and certification.

Executive Director Morshed reported meeting with SANDAG. Executive Director Morshed reported HSR and SANDAG will be working jointly on a study of the best way to serve San Diego County similar to the agreement with Orange County. Executive Director Morshed reported working with SANDAG would help HSR make a choice in the project level EIR once San Diego County decided what they want to do.

Executive Director Morshed presented the new board meeting schedule be adopted Member Crane moved Member Diridon seconded, which carried 5-0.

Program Manager's Report

Tony Daniels reported Private Sector Funding is important to the project.

Mr. Daniels reported working closely with HSRA staff and Dan Leavitt on the programmatic approach to the Bay Area which has been a key element to PB's work.

Mr. Daniels reported having started the process of looking at the existing numbers on ridership and how it relates to the operational plan. Mr. Daniels reported having also started the process to look at the approach for operational planning and the ridership forecast associated with it for the first phase of the section Anaheim to San Francisco.

Mr. Daniels reported that because of the budget allocation PB has been concentrating on the design side of the LOSSAN corridor between Palmdale and Union Station.

Mr. Daniels reported the review of the updated master schedule. Mr. Daniels reported having started the process of reviewing what was done in the programmatic and figuring out the specifics of how and what will be done in the

next design phase. It will become more of a priority in the next two or three months.

Mr. Daniels reported each of the regional consultants have developed a Public Outreach Program to spread the word of HSR to the general public.

Mr. Daniels reported Mary Alice Keaton will inform board members of regional Outreach meetings and provide draft outreach plans for commissioners.

Mr. Daniels reported the HSR website will be updated to be more interactive and regional. Mr. Daniels reported HSR would be working with Donald Newlands and the simulation group.

Personnel

Chairman Kopp moved to authorize the Chairman to work with the Department of Personnel administration respecting a proper level of compensation for the position of Executive Director. Member Diridon moved to approve Member Crane seconded, which carried 7-0.

Financing Plan Briefing

Sasha Page from IMG provided a briefing on the activities related to federal funding and Public Private Partnerships (P3).

Bay Area Central Valley Environmental Studies

Executive Director Morshed reported the full PowerPoint presentation was provided to the Board and not the public but was readily available upon request.

Executive Director Morshed reported the study was done in partnerships with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) of which were also working with the US EPA and the US Board of Engineers whose approval was needed before work could be completed. Executive Director Morshed reported the FRA had reviewed the HSRA recommendation and approval was anticipated shortly.

Executive Director Morshed reported the work done in the central valley was benefited by MTC's regional rail work as well as the ridership and revenue study they did. Executive Director Morshed expressed HSRA's appreciation.

Executive Director Morshed reported excellent cooperation with all interested parties, for and against HSR. Executive Director Morshed expressed HSRA's appreciation.

Executive Director Morshed reported the adoption of the statewide system had already been adopted with the exception of how to get into the Bay Area which

was the subject of the PowerPoint presentation. Executive Director Morshed reported the key thing for HSRA was the responsibility was to provide the high speed train service from southern California to the Central Valley into the Bay Area in a cost effective and efficient way.

Executive Director Morshed reported HSRA had done the environmental work, a comprehensive evaluation with MTC and issued the public document four months prior. Executive Director Morshed reported an over three month long public comment period which during that period over 400 comment letters were received. Executive Director Morshed reported generally the comments pertained to the EIR/EIS or the HSR project in general. Executive Director Morshed reported comments had been raised about the accuracy of the work done by HSRA and its completion of the EIR/EIS. Executive Director Morshed stated he realized not all parties may always agree but hoped all would keep an open mind.

Public Comment

An opportunity for public comment was provided during each public agenda item.

An opportunity for public comment was provided after all agenda items were heard.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25